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Title: MOUNTING CIRCUIT BOARDS IN HOUSING

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2003, as well as the art cited. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112. As a result, claims 1-3 and 5-9 are currently pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the structure intended by "wherein receiving a first edge of a first circuit board and," to clarify whether the "a first circuit board" is intended to be the same circuit board as that recited in line 3, to clarify whether the "a first edge of a second circuit board" recited in lines 3-4 and whether the "a second edge of the first circuit board" is the same "a second edge of the first circuit board" recited in line 7. In addition claim 1 is amended to clarify the "grasping" structure. As a result, applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §112 and allowance of claim 1.

Further claims 2-3 and 5-9 depend from and further define allowable claim 1 and should also be allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 10-16 are allowable over the prior art. In addition, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-3 and 5-9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action.

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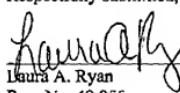
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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3 and 5-16 are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502432.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 332-4720.

Respectfully submitted,

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